For the States of Madhya Pradesh the allocations under SJSRY for 2005-06 are given below and this entire allocation has been released to the State-implementing Agency from the SJSRY:

State	Allocation for 2005-06 (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
Madhya Pradesh	1096.76	1096.76

Implementation of 75 point programme

3303. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to ensure timely implementation of 75 point priority programme emerging from mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan, Prime Minister has asked Planning Commission to monitor monthly progress of identified programmes;

(b) whether mid-term appraisal has also recommended moving full all-India coverage of welfare schemes like employment guarantee and mid-day meals; and

(c) if so, what is the latest position of these programmes and, if so, whether the Ministry is satisfied with the progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Mid Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan has identified certain Welfare Schemes/Programmes as priority areas for action which include improving the effectiveness of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Rural Health Mission to structure the health delivery system in rural areas; National Sanitation Mission to provide sanitation facilities to all dwelling units which is dovetailed with Bharat Nirman, restructuring of Integrated Child Development Scheme to include provision of day care/creche facilities and pre-school education, National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme and Nutritional support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal Scheme) with emphasis for its effective implementation etc.

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) was passed in September, 2005. The Act provides that Employment Guarantee would be extended to the whole country within a period of 5 years. The Cabinet has

decided that NREGA would be initially implemented in 200 districts. With the implementation of NREGA, the existing schemes for employment generation, i.e. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) would be subsumed in the NREGA. Mid-day Meal Scheme has been universalized at primary level w.e.f. 1st September, 2004. All the States are implementing Mid-day Meals at primary level. The target is to reduce drop out rates at primary level by 5 percentage points or increase retention by 1.5 million per annum.

Double digit growth rate

3304. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an address at the Indian Economic Summit held during the last week of November, 2005, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission is reported to have observed that double digit growth was not possible in India because of the constraints of coalitional policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) At the Indian Economic Summit, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission was questioned whether coalition politics would not allow 10% growth. In reply the Deputy Chairman stated that we should first get to sustainable 8% growth over a period of time, which in his view was feasible with a coalition government. A 10% growth rate can be considered after 8% is achieved on a sustained basis.

(c) The growth rate target for a Five year Plan are decided by the National Development Council.

Balanced development of North-Eastern Region

3305. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-Eastern Region, including Sikkim despite being rich in mineral resources and forests has lagged behind from the rest of the country;